(c) according to the present arrangement, when will the work be finished?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes, a petition dated 25th Dhanu 1104 was received in the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) and (c). The work of constructing the well in question has been included in this year's list. It will be taken up and completed this year.

Pazhanji-Kunnamkulam road.

539. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the petition dated 19th Meenam 1102 submitted to the Government by the inhabitants of Porkkulam, Mangad, Pazhanji and other villages for opening a road connecting Pazhanji and Kunnamkulam *via* Porkkulam and Mangad;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made into the matter; if so,

(c) by whom and when was it made and what is its result;

(d) what steps have been taken for opening the road referred to?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) and (b). The petition was enquired into.

(c) (1) By the Chief Engineer. (2) In July 1928. (3) Three different routes were found to be feasible.

(d) None beyond what is contained in the answer to sub-division (c).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know which are the roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One is from Vettikkadavu to Palanji, the others from Porkkulam to Mangad to Thuruthikkara.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are all these equally favourable?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One is better than the others.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Which is it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The one alignment which goes through Thuruthikkara and Mangad.

Vembara to Vandithavalam road.

540. **Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.**—Will the Government kindly inform:—

(1) whether the Government has received petitions at different dates to open a road to connect Vembara with Vandithavalam;

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(2) whether the Government remembers its repeated promises to include same in the budgets of next year ever since 1096?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) No such promise was ever made. The petitioners were, on the other hand, told that the matter will be considered when funds permit.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—May I know whether the Government had occasion to inspect the proposed road? Several petitions were presented to the Government ever since 1096.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The road has been inspected.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Whether the Government consider the importance of the road as stated in the petition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is a useful road.

541. **Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of including in the budget for 1105 the necessary fund for opening the Vembara-Vandithavalam road?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, if funds permit.

Repair of a tank in Thonurkkara Village.

542. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how many petitions have been received by the Government for the repairs of tank survey No. 49 of Thonurkkara village, Talappalli Taluk, and what action has been taken to improve its condition;

(b) what are the reports of the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats about the repairs of this tank?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Three petitions. They were all enquired into.

(b) The reports are to the effect that the work may be taken up in the interests of agricultural improvement, though the expenditure involved is very large and the interested landholders are not willing to contribute anything towards the same.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does the Government propose to take up that work early?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, if a contribution is being made by the ryots.

Issuing a correction slip to the Legislative Council Proceedings.

543. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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